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Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, after the title, with the following amended paragraph:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application PCT/SE00/01369, filed June 28, 2000 which ~~designed~~ designated the United States, and which international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in the English language. The present application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/345,475 filed June 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,210,432, issued April 3, 2001.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

The third embodiment of the elongate body 8", illustrated in Figs 12 and 13, comprises three stent sections 23-25 positioned at one end of the elongate body 8", at the middle thereof and at the other end of the elongate body 8", respectively. These stent sections 23-25 may be positioned in the coronary sinus 5 as illustrated by conventional means, such that their positions are fixed. They are connected by wires 26, 27, which may be maneuvered from outside the vein system such that the distances between the adjacent stent sections 23, 24 and 24, 25 are reduced. More specifically, these distances are reduced asymmetrically, i.e. more on the side of coronary sinus 5 most adjacent to the posterior part of the mitral valve annulus 6. Thereby, the elongate body 8" is bent, as

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illustrated in Fig. 13, and presses the coronary sinus 5 against the mitral valve annulus 6 closing the gap 20. Also, as shown in Fig. 13, the wires 26, 27 are secured ~~(or locked)~~ to the stents and the ends of the wires have been severed and removed.